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June 12: No new cases nor new foci; disinfection begun; all mail, including that of the 9th, fumigated.

June 13: Total number of cases of yellow fever since May 20 is 15; 1 new case on the 13th, making a total of 9 on hand at this date; no deaths. Foci of disease reduced from 8 to 6; cleaning of the town is now progressing under Dr. Haralson. Camp Fontainebleau open for refugees; State board of health of Mississippi has ordered that people entering other portions of the State from Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock counties must have certificates from Camp Fontainebleau.

June 14: Surgeon Murray left McHenry with camp train and 17 refugees for Camp Fontainebleau. No new cases. Passed Assistant Surgeon J. H. White, U. S. M. H. S., ordered to Camp Fontainebleau. Dr. J. F. Hunter, secretary Mississippi State board of health, telegraphed that the report of yellow fever at Hattiesburg and Shubuta is untrue.

June 15: No new cases, no deaths; 21 guests received at Camp Fontainebleau up to date. No report of suspicious cases at any other place in the South.

June 16: Investigation of reported suspected cases at Bond, Miss., proved report to be unfounded. The disease is confined to McHenry. No new cases. Everything looks favorable.

Copy of correspondence relative to vessels under supervision of the naval authorities transporting refugees, etc., from infected ports.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 8, 1898.

SIR: I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14 stating that, in reply to the request made in my letter of May 3d, the commandant of the United States Naval Station at Key West and the Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic Squadron have been furnished with copies of my letter, and have been instructed to keep an outlook and to apprehend any small vessels which it is believed intend to effect a surreptitious landing on the Florida coast.

In addition to this precaution, I have to request that the proper officers of your Department be directed to forbid the transportation from Cuban, or other ports, liable to be infected with yellow fever, on any of the vessels under the supervision of the naval authorities, of any refugees, also baggage, clothing, merchandise, or other material capable of conveying infection, which is not strictly military or naval in character.

I am informed by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service that there is little apprehension of danger with regard to regular vessels of the Navy, but that unusual care is necessary with regard to prize vessels and auxiliary vessels which do not carry medical officers, and I have to make additional request that through the proper officers orders be given that the quarantine regulations relating to the disinfection of suspected vessels and contents, and detention in quarantine of persons who have been exposed to yellow fever be strictly complied with. This matter has been placed before Commodore Remey at Key West, who concurs in this recommendation.

I have the honor to remain, respectfully yours,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 10, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, requesting that orders be issued by this Department directing that the transportation of refugees, baggage, clothing, merchandise, or other material capable of conveying infection, be forbidden from Cuban or other ports liable to be infected with yellow fever, and that the quarantine regulations relating to the disinfection of suspected vessels, and the detention of persons who may have been exposed to yellow fever, be strictly complied with, and in reply, have to inform you that orders have this day been issued to the commanders-in-chief and commandants of naval stations, to comply with the suggestions contained in your letter.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. H. ALLEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Unsanitary condition of U. S. S. Nichteroy (or Buffalo).

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 13, 1898.

SIR: I am informed by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service that the steamer *Nichteroy* or *Buffalo*, which recently arrived at the Cape Charles Quarantine from Rio de Janeiro, has been inspected by two medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service with a view to determining upon the safety of admitting her to Newport News for the purpose of making necessary repairs and alterations.

This vessel arrived at the quarantine in an extremely filthy condition, and has been for a number of years in the harbor at Rio, which is a harbor infected with yellow fever, this disease having been particularly violent during the past six months.

In tearing out the old woodwork from this vessel there will be danger of those engaged in this labor contracting yellow fever, and at a southern port such as Newport News or the Portsmouth Navy Yard, the danger to be apprehended from an outbreak is so great that it would be unwise to assume this risk.

The vessel should be sent to a northern port, and even there the "breaking out" should be done at a quarantine station, and the old wood should be burned and the men engaged in the work kept isolated and under observation.

Respectfully, yours,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

[Telegram.]

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., June 14, 1898.
Nichteroy left for New York to-day.

PETTUS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL U. S. M. H. S.

Case on the schooner Clara A. Phinney from Coatzacoalcos not yellow fever.

The following copy of a letter from the United States consular agent at Coatzacoalcos, Mexico, relative to the schooner *Clara A. Phinney*, which sailed from Sabine Pass, Tex., about the 4th of April last for